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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Real Estate and Construction

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FROM

Director, Consolidated SAFE Project

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: SAFE Computer Center Renovation Change SUBJECT

Order Costs

REFERENCE : Your Memo for Chief, CSPO/ODP, dated

19 March 1981, Subject - Status of SAFE

Site Construction Costs

- After reviewing the referenced memorandum, it appears that most of the SAFE renovation change orders are the result of inaccurate architectural and engineering design factors and/or architectural and engineering analysis oversights. It is imperative that more thorough analysis be performed on future work to avoid future increases in planned cost. Further, please provide quarterly reports to facilitate better accounting of SAFE Project funding obligations.
- The eleven change orders, cited in the referenced memorandum, appear to fall into one or both of the categories, cited above. Inadequate analysis of Headquarters Building facilities and inaccurate architectural and engineering drawings apparently are the causes of most of these changes. As a result, the customer (NFAC) is required to provide indemnity funds for oversights of RECD, GSA, the architect and construction contractor. This procedure places a requirement for elastic funding which is not consistent with the budget process.
- While unforeseen changes are apt to be required in an engineering and construction effort, change orders that result from an unsatisfactory design review process, prior to the construction contract bid and solicitation, should not be considered the responsibility of the customer. It would be expected that normal contingency provisions would cover infrequent occurences of unforeseen changes.

- 4. In summary, our analysis of the referenced memorandum indicates that inadequate planning and analysis has led to an inordinate number of change orders and additional costs borne by the customer. It does not seem reasonable that the customer should be obligated to provide resources for this purpose. RECD and/or GSA should be obligated to fund for changes that are the result of their oversights.
- 5. It is requested that quarterly reports on change order activities and costs be provided so that we can better account for SAFE Project renovation funding. Further, please take actions to obtain funds from other than SAFE sources for changes that are the result of revisions not requested by the customer.



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